



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

27th February 2026

This Week

What a lovely start to the term! We were delighted to see the sun making an appearance, bringing extra excitement to the playground. With many jumpers and coats coming off, this is a perfect reminder to please ensure your child's clothing is clearly named. This helps us return lost items quickly and keeps everyone's belongings safe.

Our Friday celebration assemblies continue to be a highlight of the week, including whole-school songs, certificates, and recognition of achievements across the school community. We also love celebrating your children's achievements outside of school—from swimming badges and certificates to sports competitions and more.

Please encourage your child to bring any medals, trophies, or photos they would like to share during assembly. This helps us acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful things they are doing beyond the classroom.

To help us better understand the diverse talents and skills of our children, we kindly ask you to complete the attached form with details of your child's achievements outside school. [Activities Outside of School – Fill in form](#)

We kindly ask that you encourage your child to take their lunch box home at the end of each school day. Recently, several lunch boxes have been left on the Key Stage 2 trolleys for extended periods, leading to mould developing. Taking lunch boxes home daily helps us maintain a clean and healthy environment for all children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Ms Earl

Acorn Class

We have had a wonderful start to our new 'Once Upon a Time' topic. We have begun reading the story of The Gingerbread Man and have practised retelling this using key story language and actions. We practised making our own gingerbread man using ginger scented playdough and then used these skills to make our own real gingerbread men on Thursday! The children have been fantastic at using their sentence writing skills to write about the story!

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Pine Class

Pine Class have come back to school with a calm and positive attitude. We have been using our senses to describe familiar settings in English. The children have become experts on what a noun and adjective is. We look forward to seeing them use them in their own writing over the next few weeks when they write stories with familiar settings. We have been learning to subtract in Maths using number lines as well as finding the difference between two numbers. We have enjoyed going to the computing suite for our computing lesson this week where we learnt all about animated stories. Next week we are going to try and create our own animation. We can't wait!

Chestnut Class

The children have had a great week back after the holiday and we have all enjoyed a little bit of sunshine. The most exciting part of the week was using our new sketch books to begin our new art project, all about maps. This had a good link to our geography as we looked at the seven continents this week, learning a continent song! The children planned their recount using time words, adjectives, adverbs and expanded noun phrases ready to write them next week. We came to the end of our maths topic and the children have blown us away with their understanding! We have some exciting visitors next week – watch this space!

Willow Class

In Geography, this week we have been looking at how mountains are formed and how they can also reduce in size over time too. We looked at how Jewish people mark Shabbat – the Jewish sabbath in RE and in French have started learning how to talk about the various hobbies we may have. In Maths, we have moved on to our next topic, which is fractions and, in English, we have been analysing, comparing and performing two very different poems. However, the highlight of the week was our first swimming lesson of the year, during which all children showed great determination and resilience.



Elm Class

Elm Class had a wonderful day this week, when 'Those History People' came to visit, as they stepped back in time to find out what life was like in Roman Britain. Through role play and a wide selection of practical making activities, they learnt about the cause and outcome of the Boudican revolt. On Thursday, they visited Ightham Mote, to help Sam, the head gardener, plant this years batch of strawberry plants. The children learnt about the plants that are currently growing in the garden and how to carefully stake, string, measure and plant. Alongside all of that, normal learning has continued!

Beech Class

This week, Beech class has been enjoying the start of our Viking journey in History. The children are very much looking forward to their 'Viking Day', next week. In reading, we have started our new book, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', and have read several extracts as we learn about the life of William Shakespeare. The children have started researching information about Neil Armstrong, ready to write their biographies next week. In maths, our focus this week has been on multiplying fractions.

Oak Class

Oak Class took assessments in their stride this week and still packed in plenty of great learning. They explored economic wellbeing in PSHE, experimented with variations on a theme in music, and got stuck into the basics of Tag Rugby. The class also kicked off an exciting inter-class cricket tournament and learnt why Dharma matters so much to Hindus. A busy, upbeat week with lots to feel proud of.



Awards and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Charlie in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Vivi and Robin

Pine Class—Rhys and Talia

Chestnut Class—Albie and Millie

Willow Class— Leo and Jack

Elm Class—Elisa and Cordelia

Beech Class—Marlowe and Rufus

Oak Class—Hudson and Poppy B

Maple Ready Award was presented to Pine Class .

Congratulations to all!

School Calendar

Term 1: 1st September – 17th October

Term 2: 27th October - 19th December

Term 3: 5th January – 13th February

Term 4: 23rd February – 2nd April

Term 5: 20th April – 22nd May

Term 6: 1st June – 21st July

Inset Days:

1st September 2025

2nd September 2025

3rd November 2025

19th December 2025

1st June 2026

200 Club Draw

The winners of the February 2026 draw are:

1st - Lisa Pearson, £9.00

2nd - Hugh Stirk, £5.40

3rd - Alex Rankin, £ 3.60

Well done to our February winners!

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
3	4	2	1

The winners this week were Chartwell House.

Well done!



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PSA

Welcome back. I hope you had a restful half term. Thank you for all the donations to Bags2School this week.

Upcoming events

11th March - PSA Meeting (George & Dragon Ightham 7.30pm)

27th March - Film night

3rd June - Bags2school

Easter holiday - Sponsored Read/Activity

11th July - Ightham Summer Fair

Could you give up a couple of hours, once a month to come to PSA meetings? We meet roughly 8 times a year to discuss fundraising ideas and spending.

If you would like to come to a meeting and see if it floats your boat then please email chair@ightham psa.com or just turn up!

ATB,

Team PSA

Upcoming dates

2nd March Year 2 Duckling eggs arrive

2nd March Year R to Pizza Express

3rd March Year 5 Viking Day

6th March Ightham Book Day

10th March Community afternoon hosted by Year 1

20th March Year 1 class trip

23rd March Parent Consultations, 3:40—6:30

24th March Parent Consultations, 3:40—6:30

24th March Year R Hearing and Vision screening

24th March Year 5 Ightham Mote Partnership gardening afternoon

30th March Choir Spring Concert

2nd April KS2 Easter Service

2nd April Last day of term

20th April Start of term

Attendance and Lateness We are expecting attendance of 96% or above. The attendance for this week is:

Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School	National
99.14%	95.56%	97.13%	98.12%	98.18%	98.32%	98.61%	97.87%	95.3%

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It is important that the children attend school every day. If you unsure if your child is well enough to attend school, please look at the NHS guidance. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>